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During the stay in port of the Norddeutscher Lloyd's new steamer, the Derfflinger, which left Hongkong for Europe via ports on Friday, a China Mail representative had the pleasure of inspecting what must indeed be termed a magnificent addition to the Company's already large fleet of passenger steamers. The vessel, with Captain G. Meinhof in command, and who, by the way, is one of the Company's most popular and best known "skippers" running East—is completing her maiden trip to the Far East. This fine vessel has made but one previous trip and that was to New York, off which occasion she carried as passengers the members of the German Reichstag.

The Derfflinger, which was built in April last, by Messrs. Schichau and Co. of Danzig, attained a speed of sixteen knots when undergoing her trial trip, this speed, however, having been exceeded since that time. Two sets of quadruple expansion engines of 6,200 I.H.P., which develop as high as 7,200 I.H.P., provide the means for propelling the great liner through the water, while her length measures 144.75 metres and her beam 25.1 metres, with a gross tonnage of 5,240 tons.

The furnishing of the vessel resembles that of the Lutzow, a sister ship—and in taking a trip through the drawing room and saloon one could not help but admire the luxurious fittings. Especially noticeable in the dining saloon was the absence of the familiar long tables, their places being taken by a number of small tables which have accommodation for parties of from two to seven people. The accommodation throughout is of the very best and leaves nothing to be desired. The drawing room, which is situated just above the dining saloon, is also handsomely fitted up, the walls and ceiling are of white pleated out in green and gold while the central panels are draped in silk. The smoking room, fitted with chairs and tables of a very novel design, also calls for comment. The parlour, with its many cosy corners and lounges, is also beautifully furnished and opens out in to the saloon and drawing room. It might be mentioned that in the main dining-saloon is a beautiful work of art in the form of a painting of Field Marshal Derfflinger, after whom the vessel was named.

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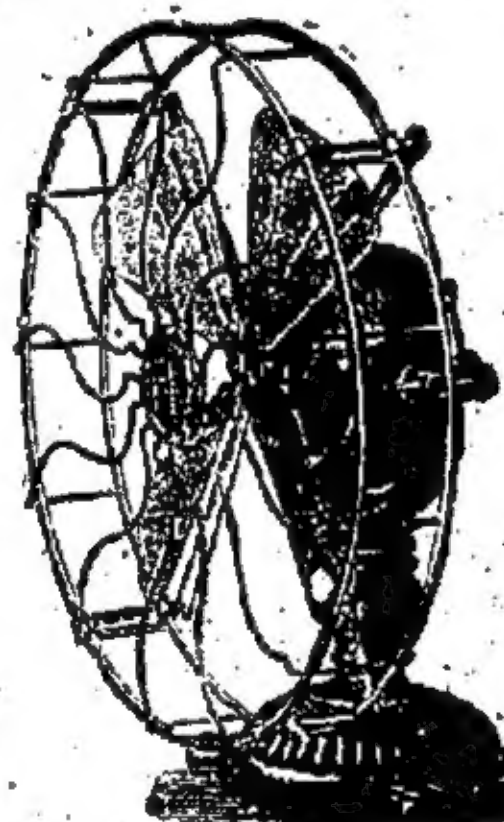
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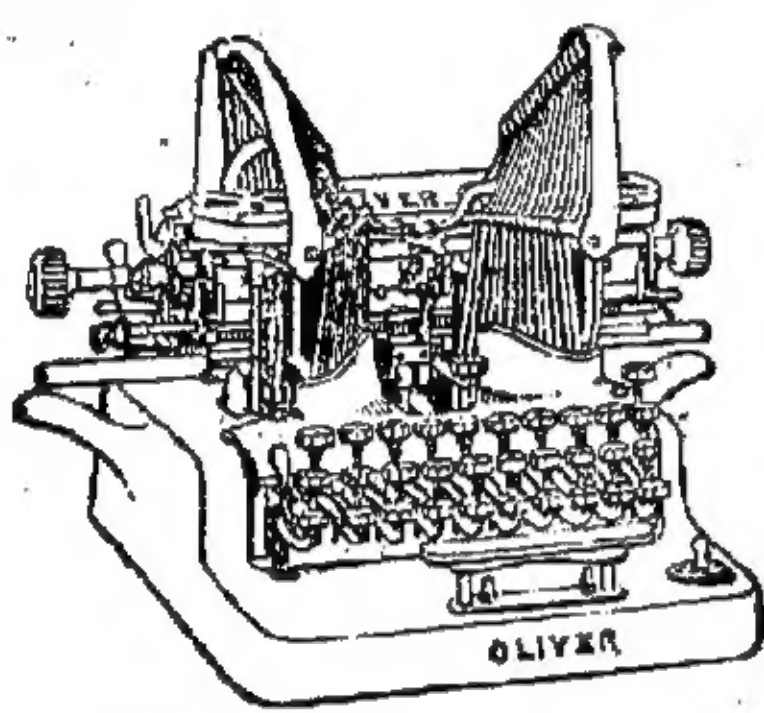
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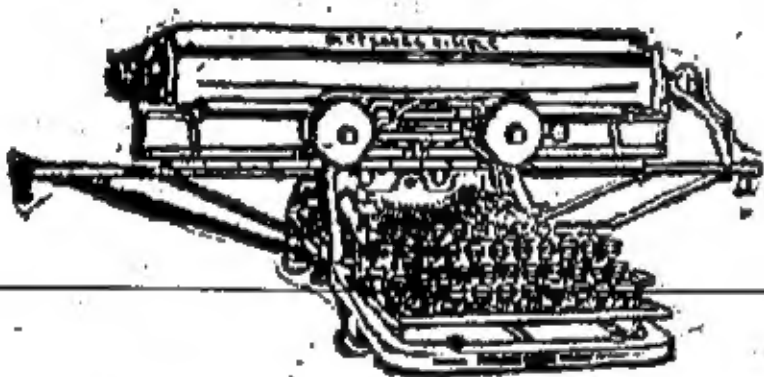


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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 19th September, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th September, both days inclusive.  
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General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1908. 1215

## HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 5.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August; of election of Officers for the ensuing year, &c.

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## THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE.

About two years and a half ago a message from Eagle City, in Alaska, went over the telegraph and cable wires of the world announcing that Captain Ronald Amundsen, of the Norwegian yacht Gjoa, had arrived there overland from the Polar sea after sailing his little vessel through the long sought North-West Passage. Up to that time little notice had been taken of this expedition, but at once the names of the Gjoa and its intrepid captain became famous. It was soon learnt that seven Scandinavian adventurers had set sail from Christiania, the seaport capital of Norway, in June, 1903, on board a craft of 47 tons, resolved to force their way from east to west round the northern coast of America. For more than two years they had been lost to the world, cut off from all communication with civilized men. The story of their adventurous voyage, and of their various exploring trips, is now told in an illustrated two-volume book, "The North-West Passage" by their leader, Captain Amundsen. For more than three centuries mariners had desired to make this passage. At first they had hoped to find in it a practicable route to the wealth of the Indies, but even when that hope had vanished the passage still called adventure after adventurer to solve its fascinating problem. It was in the attempt to do so that Franklin and his gallant company perished to a man. Since then an enormous quantity of detailed information about the whole region has been collected by explorers, but still until the Gjoa pushed through no ship had traversed the seas from Greenland to Behring Strait.

Captain Amundsen's narrative is most interesting, and it is marked by a modesty which is evidently characteristic of the man. He makes light of his own work, and is most generous in his hearty appreciation of the work of others. Even in naming new places upon his maps and charts he has carefully honoured the memories of previous voyagers not of his own nationality. As a boy his imagination was fired by talk of Nansen's Greenland journey in the late eighties. He wanted to sail with his hero in 1893, but his mother told him he was too young, and, being a dutiful son, he stayed at home. After her death, however, he set himself to train for what he felt to be the ambition of his life—Arctic exploration. In 1894 he engaged for the most on an old sloop, and then from 1897 to 1899 served as mate in the Belgian Antarctic expedition under Adrien de Gerlache. "It was during this voyage," he says, "that my plan matured. I proposed to combine the dream of my boyhood as to the North-West passage with an aim, in itself of far greater scientific importance—that of locating the present situation of the Magnetic North Pole." On his return he consulted men of science about his project, and studied for some time under Professor Neumayer, of the German Marine Observatory, at Hamburg. Nansen gave him priceless help, not only with advice, but in obtaining funds for the venture. In 1901 Amundsen purchased the Gjoa, which had been built as a herring boat and then in the Polar Seas. Having tried her on a trip to the north, Captain Amundsen had her fitted up for his long voyage, the chief addition to her equipment being a 31 horse-power motor of the "Dan" type, which was connected with everything that could possibly be driven with its aid. Provisions for five years were stowed on board. The personnel consisted besides the captain, of six men. Lieutenant Hanson, aged 27, of the Danish navy, was second in command, and acted also as navigator, astronomer, geologist, and photographer. Lund, a Norwegian of 39, was first mate. He had sailed the Arctic Sea for years as skipper and harpoonist. Ristvedt, aged 30, was meteorologist and first engineer. The second mate, Hansen, aged 33, had had a long experience of the Polar Sea. Wilk, the youngest member of the party—he was only 25—was rated as second engineer, but, as he had been trained at the Potsdam Magnetic Observatory, was the captain's assistant for magnetic observations. Lindstrom, the cook, was 38, and had been cook on the "Fram's" second expedition.

On July 25, seven weeks out from Christiania, the Gjoa reached Godhavn, a town of 108 souls, the residence of the inspector of North Greenland. There a short stay was made to ship 10 dogs with sledges, snow-shoes, 20 barrels of petroleum, and other stores. Resuming their voyage on the 31st, they soon came to the region of icebergs; and on August 7 they passed Hvalbaek in latitude 73.30 deg. north, the northernmost spot inhabited by civilized men. Next day they were off Hilmis Island, and about to begin the voyage across Melville Bay, the most desolate stretch in that part of the Arctic Ocean. Ice and fog proved great obstacles to their progress, but on August 20 they got in to Lancaster Sound, and two days later reached Beechey Island—Franklin's last winter harbour. Thence in the spring of 1846 his vessels—the Erebus and Terror—sailed into darkness. From a depot left on the island for Franklin by the Belcher relief expedition in 1852, Amundsen took the last remnants of coal and a small quantity of sled leather. He also found in good order the marble slab erected by M. Clintock, on behalf of Lady Franklin, to the memory of her husband and his unfortunate companions; and the column in memory of those who died on the Belcher expedition. A few of the surrounding gravestones had fallen, and these Amundsen set up again, leaving on the column a tin case containing a record of his progress up to that date. From this point the voyage continued a

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## Intimations.

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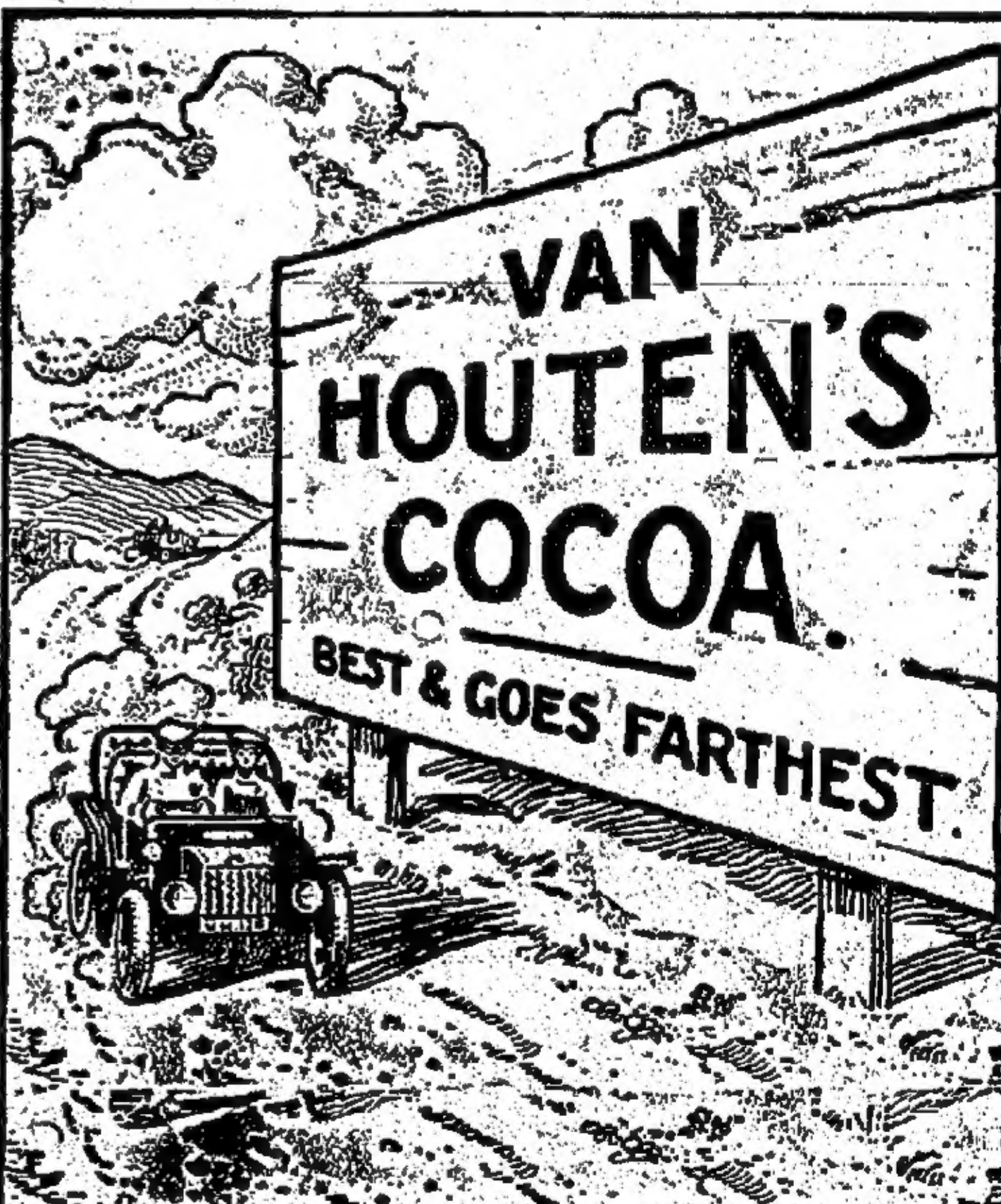
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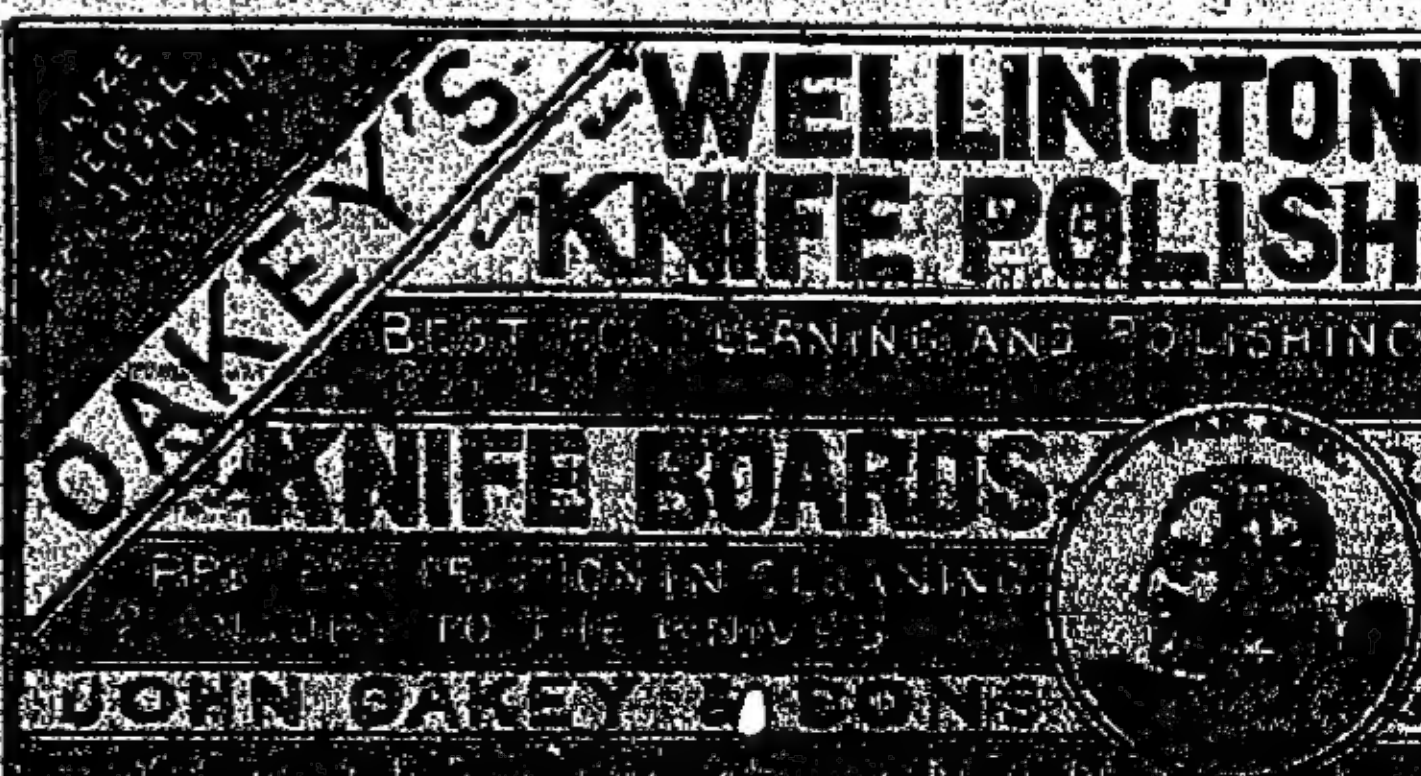
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BIRTHS.

PRICE.—On September 5, 1908, at 11

Maggie Road, Shanghai, to Mr and

Mrs A. MATHIE PRYCE, a son.

ZELLENAYER.—On September 1, 1908,

to Mr and Mrs E. G. ZELLENAYER, of

Shanghai, a son.

WATSON.—On September 7, 1908,

at 25, Kwan-ming Road, Shanghai, to Mr

and Mrs W. T. WATSON, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SAYER.—On September 5, 1908,

at Shanghai, George Sydney Burton, fifth

son of T. J. SAYER, of Orange Court,

Newham, Gloucestershire, to JENNIE,

only surviving daughter of the late Isaac

Hall of Cavan Co. Monaghan, Ireland.

MOLONY.—On September 5, 1908, at

Pentworth, Rt. Rev. H. J. MOLONY, D.D.,

Bishop, Mid-China, widow of late G. K.

Barton, M.D., formerly of Shanghai, aged

87.

DEATHS.

McLEOD.—At Amoy, on the 8th inst.,

JAMES McLEOD, aged 24 years, late 3rd

officer, S.S. Huihai. A native of Greenock,

Scotland.

HICK.—On September 1, 1908, at

Hanover, WILLIAM BERTHA HICK, of

the late M. CURTIS, Shasi, second son of

Captain W. HICK, Western-super-Mare,

Hampshire, England.

PETERSEN.—On September 8, 1908, at

Kingsman Dock, OLAF ROSENKILDE PE-

TERSEN, infant son of Mr and Mrs J. G.

PETERSEN, aged 8 months.

LAWSON.—On 8th inst., at Greystones,

on Wicklow, RHODA, widow of late G. K.

Barton, M.D., formerly of Shanghai, aged

87.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, September 16.—

Goods per *Lalou* undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

Goods per *Pera* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Invincible* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, September 17.—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket

League, in St. George's Building.

FRIDAY, September 18.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Magnificent Irish

Linens, &amp;c., at No. 25, Des Vaux

Road Central, formerly occupied by

Mutual Store.

SATURDAY, September 19.—

Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship

Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Cotton

Spinning Weaving &amp; Dyeing Co., Ltd.,

closed from this date to 25th Sept.,

inclusive.

MONDAY, September 21.—

Goods per *Ville de la Ciotat* undelivered

after this date at Noon will be subject

to rent and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, September 23.—

5.45 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Recrea-

tion Club, at Gymnasium.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed

to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be

addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names

and addresses with any communications ad-

dressed to the Editor, for publication but

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All letters for publication should be written

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 1908.

THE ETIOLOGY AND SEVERE

MIOLOGY OF PLAGUE.

The recently issued summary report of

the Indian Plague Commission bears out

in many respects the observations of

Hongkong medical and sanitary

experts in regard to the etiology and

epidemiology of this dreaded disease.

The Commission was appointed towards

the close of 1904 and early in April,

1905, the experts chosen by the ad-

visory committee began work at

Parel near Bombay, where the Plague

Research Laboratory offered special

facilities. Work continued till May

1907, when it was considered that

satisfactory replies to the questions

which had been placed before them

had been found and the Commission

was temporarily dissolved. In the pre-

face to the Report, it is freely ac-

knowledgeed that failure attended the

first efforts to stamp out plague in

India according to the means adopted

in European countries in dealing with

epidemic diseases. When it was

recognized that it was impossible to

deal effectively with the epidemic

without the help of the people them-

selves, a policy of persuasion and

assistance was substituted for the

more rigorous measures, but this also

failed to prevent the extension of the

disease, although in many places some

degree of success was achieved. Tak-

ing advantage of the labours of many

investigators who had already been

working in the field of plague research

the Commission were soon in a position

to prove the truth of Colonel BARNER-

MAN's theory—a theory also held by

many in Hongkong—that plague is dis-

seminated through rats and that its

spread to man is occasioned by the

agency of fleas. Now the common

rat-flea of India is *Pulex cheopis* and

this flea was soon found to bite man free-

ly. When these fleas were captured on

the bodies of guinea-pigs let loose in

plague-infected houses, plague bacilli

were invariably found in the contents of

their stomachs. From further experi-

ments conducted by the commission,

into the unsavoury details of which we

need not enter, the conclusion was

reached that the rat flea is the only agent

of transmission of plague infection from

animal to animal. This again bears out,

we believe, the observations of several

investigators in Hongkong and

Japan. "In the course of the

large number of flea experiments

made in the laboratory," runs the

report, "it was often noticed that,



## THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

## PROTEST AGAINST PUBLIC PROCESSION IN LONDON.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters via Bombay.)

LONDON, September 14.

The majority of the Protestant organizations throughout the British Isles have telegraphed to the Right Hon. H. J. Gladstone, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, pointing out that public feeling is against the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of London in connection with the Roman Catholic Eucharistic Congress which is being held at Westminster.

Protestants demand the prohibition of the procession, otherwise they will hold the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone responsible for the consequences.

## LORD AND LADY NORTHCOTE.

## SAIL FOR JAPAN.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters via Bombay.)

LONDON, September 14.

Lord Northcote, former Governor General of Australia, and Lady Northcote, have set sail from Melbourne en route for Japan.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

## THE GLASGOW UNEMPLOYED.

LONDON, September 11.

The Local Government Board have sent two thousand pounds to Glasgow to relieve the distress.

The Glasgow Municipality have decided to give needy children, three meals daily, and to purchase 170 acres of land in the vicinity of the town to provide work for the unemployed.

## THE GERMAN ARMY MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, September 11.

The German Army Manoeuvres have ended with the retreat of the invading army, the troops being terribly exhausted.

The Emperor delivered his criticism on the operations to his assembled officers, entering into every detail of the work performed.

## THE MOROCCAN QUESTION.

LONDON, September 11.

The *Norddeutsche Zeitung* denying the assertion of the French press that Herp Vassel intended to urge Mulai Hafid to dismiss his representative at Tangier on the ground of his being too Francophil, warns the press of the possible effects of groundless suspicions and studiously hostile language in reference to German policy, on the prospects of obtaining Germany's assent to certain special proposals which France is putting forward.

## THE KAISER IN ALSACE.

LONDON, September 12.

H. I. M. the Kaiser visited the Schlucht mountain pass on the French frontier, but, owing to its late receipt, had to regretfully decline the invitation of the French authorities to cross the frontier to Hohenheim where a still more magnificent view is obtained. His Majesty thereafter motored through Alsace, receiving ovations from the inhabitants who greeted him with the pealing of bells and the strutting of flowers in his path.

Speaking at Colmar, His Majesty said that the warmth of his reception had touched his heart. Alsace had undergone vicissitudes, but was now able to develop itself undisturbed, protected by the German Eagle, his standard, which stood for the maintenance of peace.

## OUR NEW COMODORE.

Captain Herbert Lyon, the newly appointed Comodoro at Hongkong, has served since January, 1879, was promoted Lieutenant in 1880, Commander in 1894, and Captain in December, 1900. He was a midship on the cruiser *Charley* during the operations in the Lango and Lukat rivers, against the Malays, in the Straits of Malacca, 1874-75 (French mode with clep); was sub-lieutenant of the cruiser *Bordeaux* during the Zulu War, and was with the naval force landed from the Cape Squadron to take part in it. He was with the Naval Brigade in the march to the relief of Khartoum, shared in the battle of Ghingaloro and other actions with the enemy (medal).

A tonic for young and old. It makes blood. It restores life. Stearns' Wine of God Liver Oil.

## ALLEGED ASSAULT BY A SAILOR.

A woman of H. M. S. *Clio* was summoned by Miss Wong at the Magistrate's day, for alleged assault.

Complainant said she was being accompanied by her brother to a dinner when defendant put his arm around her neck. Thinking it was a brother they walked several yards and when she found out her mistake she was indignant.

Defendant denied this and said he had only put his hand on the lady's shoulder. His Worship, Mr. J. H. Kemp, thought it was a pity defendant had not put his hand on one of the men instead.

Defendant:—Yes, sir, it is.

His Worship discharged the defendant.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## MARITIME GAMBLING.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

SIR,—I feel that, in justice to the fair name of an honorable profession, I should officially protest against the thinly veiled insinuations which have been cast by certain shipowners upon the Captains of British Merchant Ships in connection with maritime "P. P. L." policies. I do not consider that Shipowners should shuffle out of this matter at the expense of Shipmasters, who are not prone to casting ships away as some would allege.

As everybody knows the present controversy has sprung from the recent Board of Trade Inquiry into the wreck of the s.s. "Albion," where, from the procedure which was followed, there was an obvious inference that she had been cast away. But there was not a shred of evidence in support of the theory, and Captain and Officers were completely exonerated from any blame in the matter.

Within my very long personal experience of Board of Trade inquiries there has never been a single case of a ship being cast away. Dastardly, amongst Shipmasters of the present generation is a thing unknown, and it is highly improper to suggest that there is even a possibility of their collusion with people who wish to insure a ship with felonious intent.

In actuality these "P. P. L." policies are a menace to, not only the reputation, but to the livelihood of the Captains and Officers of the British Merchant Marine. It has been shown that when an accident occurs to a ship, and it is discovered that claims are at once lodged on account of "P. P. L." policies, suspicion inevitably falls on the Captain and possibly on his Officers also. The position then is, not so much the defence of the certificates, as to save themselves from guilt, and the lasting humiliation and degradation of themselves and their friends.

There is on this important point which must not be missed. I see a statement of a shipowner that, hearing that "P. P. L." policies had been effected on one of his ships, he summarily discharged the whole of the Officers and crew. This is a sample of justice as meted out by certain British shipowners. It is one of the arms of modern sea-going, and accounts for anyone with a spark of pride or ambition turning to anything but the sea for employment.

If Captains and Officers are summarily thrown out of positions they have taken long years to attain simply because some quite unknown outsiders choose, for reasons best known to themselves, to take out "P. P. L." policies, then the times quite ripe to invoke a drastic remedy. British Shipmasters have far more to complain about than British Shipowners in the matter of "P. P. L." policies. They will gladly co-operate with Shipowners in abolishing a pernicious form of gambling, but in doing so they are not going to sit down and tacitly admit any suggestion that they might be guilty of participating in nefarious transactions which possibly would end in the sacrifice of human life.

I am, Sir,—Your obedient servant,  
T. W. MOORS,  
Secretary.

Imperial Merchant Service Guild, Liverpool, August 14.

## SHIPPING.

The French mail *Ville de la Ciotat*, berthed at No. 3 wharf, on the 14th.

The s.s. *Austria* berthed at No. 3 wharf, on the 14th.

The Danish steamer *Cathay* berthed at No. 2 wharf, on the 14th.

The Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co's steamer *Austria* from Trieste, July 27th, via ports, arrived in harbour at half-past six this morning, having met with pleasant weather and smooth seas. The vessel brought three cabin passengers and six hundred Chinese passengers from Singapore. While at sea, between this and the latter port, one of the Chinese passengers died and was buried at sea. This morning, another one died in the harbour. It is stated that the cause of death in both cases was consumption. The *Austria* sails on the 18th inst. for Japan ports, via Shanghai.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's European liner *Awa Maru*, which left Shanghai on Friday at noon with Captain A. Keith in command, arrived in port at daylight this morning after an exceedingly smart run down from the Northern port, the vessel not being due to arrive here until about two o'clock. Among the passengers on board are a number of Japanese Army officers who are proceeding to Germany via Marseilles. Colonel Wingate, for Colombo, and Colonel Burton, for Singapore, are also on board, these two gentlemen have been on a round trip to Japan by the N.Y.K.'s steamers. Another passenger is Mr. John Kerr of Kobe, who is proceeding home to London on leave of absence. The *Awa Maru* sails at daylight on Wednesday for Europe, via ports.

## THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.

## Journey Described.

Writing with regard to his journey on the Siberian route, Mr. Ough, says:—On leaving Hongkong for Home via Siberia I promised several friends a short account of the journey, so send the following notes, believing them of interest to some of your readers.

The Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne and I travelled together as far as Liverpool Street Station, and the time occupied was 24 days 17 hours; we shared a two berth compartment on the train, travelled first class, and spent 238 sterling apiece, practically the same amount as we should have done if travelling by mail steamer.

We left Hongkong on May 7th at 3 p.m. by Empress steamer, left at Kobe May 13th at 8 p.m.; here we telegraphed to Umeda, the steamer agent at Tsuam, to reserve berths for Vladivostok, but this message never reached them.

On the 14th we went to Kyoto and stayed there till the 16th. The Hotel people persuaded us to catch a train at 7.30 a.m. which is most inconvenient, and we discovered later that 10.45 a.m. train carries the mail, and the steamer waits for it. Mr. Umeda, after much argument and production of passports, allotted us berths in the Mongolia which he also gave to somebody else, and much confusion resulted on board in consequence, but by dint of a tip to the steward who spoke nothing but Russian, and much eloquent pantomime we got berths, but no bunks. Tickets for the train journey from Vladivostok to Moscow taken in Hongkong do not secure berths in the connecting steamer from Tsuam and no advice is sent to the agent.

The food on the Mongolia was good, but the service bad and very slow and tips were expected. Nothing but Russian was spoken by the stewards, except the Purser, who spoke English.

We arrived at Vladivostok at 6 a.m. on May 18th, the Customs examination being quite formal; we opened our bags but they were not examined. The Wagons Lit Company, whose tickets we held, did nothing, and we had to find our way through six inches of mud to the office to get tickets and berths on the train. At the station we had to rely on the good offices of a Russian agent who directed us to the Chinese Eastern Railway but no W. L. official was there to help passengers. We got off at the Golden Horn Restaurant, which is said to be the best. The train left at 4 p.m. May 18th. The gauge is not remarkably "broad" as stated in the advertisements. It is 5 feet, or 34 inches more than the ordinary British standard gauge. The cars were stuffily upholstered in gaudy colours, and very dusty, the windows worked badly, and ventilation was impossible. The electric light was very weak and badly placed for reading; the seats were much too high for comfort; the bed sheets were clean but the blankets were full of dust.

The lavatories were dirty; the water supply meagre and dirty and second class passengers were allowed to use those in the first class cars and also to loiter in the corridors and smoke.

Two compartments of two berths adjoin the so-called "private" lavatory, so that four persons used one basin, our neighbours being Japanese.

The attendants were kept too busy to be able to do any cleaning, but they swept the corridor once a day with great energy, raising clouds of dust which entered the compartments. A suction cleaner would obliterate this.

The restaurant car had seats for 56, but over 80 passengers were on the train, most of them having booked from one to three months in advance, yet the provisions gave out on the second day and although an elaborate tariff of food and drink was handed round very few of the items were obtainable.

The principal items of food supplied were: Eggs; very stale. Bread; sour. Butter; rancid.

Veal in various forms was mostly unobtainable by English folk. Tea was without milk, very weak, and was served in glasses.

Dinner usually took two hours to serve, as there were only two waiters, neither speaking English. This meal consisted of cabbage soup with sour cream, tinned fish, veal, omelette, gravy, chicken, and the charge was two rubles, or about 82.50 exclusive of a tip which was necessary at every meal. Drinks were a tragedy. Russian beer of good light quality, was plentiful but nothing else but vodka and inferior brandy, no soda water, only a Japanese concoction of Tamsan, and some sulphurous water of Tamsan, and some sulphurous water of Tamsan.

Appointments gave out on the second day. Drinking water there was none, but we could get it out of the barrels provided at most of the stations.

On May 22nd we changed train at Irkutsk and although the new car was similar to the one we left, the conductor gave us a different and much smaller berth and left the train; although we protested, nothing resulted. On this second train no English was spoken at all, nothing but Russian, the waiters were surly and if it had not been for the new chief conductor, one Charles Bloomfield, who spoke German and whose name shall be blessed, we would have almost starved. This man did all he could with the most hopeless materials, but he could not create stores, and feed 80 people on nothing.

This so-called train do Luxe arrived at Moscow at 10.15 p.m. on 28th May, 31 hours late. We were thankful to get out of the discomfort of the journey to Warsaw on a similar train, so drove across to the St. Petersburg train which left at midnight and to which we had telegraphed from Omsk for berth. We accomplished this feat successfully, but with very few minutes to spare, and again no Wagons Lit official

met the train to give assistance. However we got to St. Petersburg at 10 a.m. on 29th May and spent the day night sleeping in a drowsy with two fine black horses. This was the most expensive day of the trip, and wound up with a whisky and soda for which we paid four rubles each; not good whisky either.

We took a Russian train for the frontier at 10.15 p.m. and the people of the hotel do France did everything for us in the way of moving bags taking tickets, etc., or we should probably be in St. Petersburg now. At the frontier, after a dreadful night in a dirty train, we changed into a German train at 5.42 p.m. on 30th May, and were immediately in comparative luxury; a compartment each, plenty of clean water; good lights and civil attendants; we reached Berlin at 6.3 a.m. on time; drove about the city. After breakfast at the Hotel Bristol, leaving at 11.32 a.m. for Liverpool St. via The Hook. The restaurant car in the German train was well managed and the food excellent, but the lack of fast on the train from Harwich was the finest meal of the whole journey. We got to Liverpool St. at 8 a.m. on June 1st and at once plunged into hot baths, positively the first respectable wash we had enjoyed since leaving Japan.

I have written to the Wagons Lit Company in Paris giving particulars of the various avoidable discomforts we experienced, and up to now have not heard a word. I do not think the saving of 6 days on the journey from Hongkong to London is worth the hardships undergone, and it is a mistake to suppose that the trip costs less than a good steamer voyage. Unless radical improvements are made in the trains and connections arranged to suit steamers, it will be a long time before any Britisher will undertake the journey more than once.

## THE VOLUNTEER PROMENADE CONCERT.

The concert given on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps proved a great success, for notwithstanding the falling-out of two of the promised performers, others took their places at the last moment and by their contributions added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. G. H. Edwards, who was in excellent voice, sang most charmingly Edward German's "Love the Pedlar" and very kindly responded to the insistent demands for an encore. The Misses Seth also scored an unqualified success by their dainty rendering of Braga's famous "La Serenata." They were loudly cheered. The rest of the programme—apart from the selections by the band of the Middlesex Regiment—was filled by gentlemen, including Mr. G. H. Edwards, Lieut. Cross, Mr. F. W. Golding, and Messrs Benedetto and Ivan Carl. The latter appeared in costume and their specially composed lyric ran as follows:—

Typhoons we live in fear of  
In this Colony each year.  
You've experienced a typhoon?  
I have of course.  
We always dread to hear of  
A depression anywhere,  
In the West or in the South,  
Yes, of course.

By the signal on the "Tamar"  
We often get misled,  
I remember once at five o'clock  
The cone I saw was red,  
And at twelve o'clock that evening  
I was blown right out of bed,  
Perhaps it travelled quickly,  
Yes, of course.

The junks flew helter skelter,  
Yes, of course,  
They ought to build a shelter,  
Yes, of course,  
I'm open to correction,  
But there's only one objection,  
Don't be funny,  
Where's the money?

They tell me they're relying  
On Reserves and Volunteers.  
In event of any trouble?  
Yes, of course.  
So we all should be applying,  
Our best energies and tears,  
To make ourselves more useful,  
Yes, of course.

To slack and lazy people  
Volunteering seems a bore,  
But every one seems certain,  
If we ever went to war,  
Their strength should be augmented  
So perhaps they want some more,  
Shall I speak to Colonel Chapman?  
Yes, of course.

Now we all must do our duty,  
Yes, of course,  
Though it's sad to risk our beauty,  
Yes, of course,  
On every hand we're hearing,  
We should take up Volunteering.  
Let's enlist,  
Here's my fist,  
Yes, of course.

Fifteen defendants were fined £3 each at the Marine Court, this morning, for anchoring their boats inside the Redfords at Causeway Bay without permission.

The master of the steam-launch *Mike* was fined \$15 by the Hon. Commissioner Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, for failing to stop when called upon to do so by the police.

It is very seldom that the French mail reaches this port on a Sunday; that is to say, practically a day before her time, but this was accomplished by the mail packet *Ville de la Ciotat*, which arrived in the harbour at five o'clock yesterday from Europe via ports. The vessel reports having met with good weather and smooth seas. She left for Northern ports at four this afternoon.

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## SPORTING.

## Interport Cricket.

The Hongkong interport cricket team will probably arrive in Shanghai on Saturday, October 3, or the following day, by the P. and O. S. Arcadia. If it arrives on the Saturday evening or Sunday morning, the nets will be open for them to practise the match will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 6th and 7th proximo, thus leaving mail day (Thursday) open. The Shanghai Selection Committee consists of Messrs. E. M. Billings, W. H. Moule, P. W. Potter, L. Walker, and Capt. Barrett.

## Cricket.

In connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club a very interesting match was played on Saturday afternoon on the Cricket ground, between the Possibles and Probables for the honours in the interport cricket match which is to take place at Shanghai. The scoring was not very high. R. O. Hutchison leading for the Probables with 22, with W. O. D. Turner 21 and the only other score above 8 was that made by Captain Barclay R. A., who scored 13. Captain A. H. Hooper for the Possibles showed most better form, making 24 runs, the highest score of the day. The second highest for the Possibles was made by E. P. Pearce who obtained 16 runs. The scores are as follows:—

PROBABLES.	POSSIBLES.
A. E. Lanning, run out..... 0	E. H. Hindle, b Barton..... 8
W. Edwards, c Stevens, b Hindle..... 0	E. H. Hindle, b Barton..... 8
E. A. Fowler, b Barton..... 2	E. A. Fowler, b Barton..... 2
L. G. R. Home, c Claxton, b Barton..... 1	L. G. R. Home, c Claxton, b Barton..... 1
R. O. Hutchison, c Barton, b Gooding..... 22	R. O. Hutchison, c Barton, b Gooding..... 22
W. O. D. Turner, c Pearce, b Reed..... 21	W. O. D. Turner, c Pearce, b Reed..... 21
H. R. Makin, c Barton, b Reed..... 6	H. R. Makin, c Barton, b Reed..... 6
L. C. Lammour, c Pearce, b Reed..... 6	L. C. Lammour, c Pearce, b Reed..... 6
R. C. Wickell, c and b Barton..... 2	R. C. Wickell, c and b Barton..... 2
A. W. J. Peake, b Stevens..... 4	A. W. J. Peake, b Stevens..... 4
C. T. Bath, not out..... 6	C. T. Bath, not out..... 6
Extras..... 1	Extras..... 1
Total..... 109	Total..... 109

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	R.	W.	O.	M.
R. O. Bird..... 10	2	15	1	5
Frederic Barton..... 0	2	15	1	5
H. L. Manderson..... 4	—	15	—	2
Corporal Gooding..... 5	—	12	—	3
E. H. Reed..... 5	1	17	—	3
F. H. H. Stevens..... 3.4	1	10	—	3

POSSIBLES.	R.	W.	O.	M.
Capt. A. H. Hooper, c Home, b Hutchison..... 40	—	—	—	—
L. A. Claxton, c Hutchison, b Peake..... 6	—	—	—	—
A. A. Claxton, c Hutchison, b Peake..... 6	—	—	—	—
E. W. Day, b Peake..... 8	—	—	—	—
E. D. Reed, run out..... 8	—	—	—	—
A. H. Young, b Hutchison..... 16	—	—	—	—
Private Barton, b Hutchison..... 16	—	—	—	—
A. W. J. Peake, c Turner, b Hutchison..... 6	—	—	—	—
H. R. O. Bird, b Peake..... 8	—	—	—	—
H. L. Manderson, b.w., b Garnett..... 6	—	—	—	—
F. H. H. Stevens, stumped Lanning..... 0	—	—	—	—
B. Reed, not out..... 0	—	—	—	—
Corporal Gooding, not out..... 1	—	—	—	—
Extras..... 8	—	—	—	—
Total..... 123	—	—	—	—

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	R.	W.	O.	M.
A. W. J. Peake..... 18	3	36	—	—
R. C. Wickell..... 6	2	15	—	—
H. R. Makin..... 5	1	25	—	—
E. A. Fowler..... 3	—	6	—	—
R. O. Hutchison..... 5	1	14	—	—
C. T. Bath..... 4	1	12	—	—
Capt. Garnett..... 2	—	6	—	—

CIVIL SERVICE G. DOWDALL & CO. XI.  
Eleven of the employees of Messrs. Dowdall and Company's staff were the guests of the Civil Service Club on Saturday afternoon, when a friendly cricket match was played on the ground of the latter. J. G. McEwen put up the highest score of 24 for the Civil Service while A. Thornhill was second highest with 21. The greatest total of runs for Dowdall's eleven was obtained by Waterhouse. The result was a win for the home team.

The scores were:—

CIVIL SERVICE G. DOWDALL & CO.	R.	W.	O.	M.
C. Burdett, b Waterhouse..... 13	—	—	—	—
J. McKay, b Waterhouse..... 9	—	—	—	—
F. Bacon, b Waterhouse..... 9	—	—	—	—
B. Combs, c May, b Ganseden..... 1	—	—	—	—
E. L. Brett, c Lester, b Ganseden..... 0	—	—	—	—
E. W. Dawson, c Hartslet, b Waterhouse..... 21	—	—	—	—
A. Thornhill, c W. K. b Lester..... 24	—	—	—	—
J. G. McEwen, c Goughtrie, b Waterhouse..... 24	—	—	—	—
J. Davey, b Ganseden..... 0	—	—	—	—
G. Hogarth, b Lester..... 2	—	—	—	—
G. Gibson, not out..... 2	—	—	—	—
Extras..... 3	—	—	—	—
Total..... 77	—	—	—	—

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	R.	W.	O.	M.
H. Lester..... 11	3	23	—	2
W. Waterhouse..... 14	3	32	—	5
J. Ganseden..... 6	1	14	—	3
E. May..... 1	—	6	—	—

DOWDALL & CO'S STAFF.  
J. D. Auld, c and b Brett..... 14  
G. A. May, c Thornhill, b Bacon..... 0  
H. W. Lester, b Brett..... 0  
K. E. Walker, b Brett..... 0  
W. Waterhouse, b.w., b Brett..... 16  
E. L. Brett, c Lester, b Ganseden..... 0  
J. G. McEwen, c Goughtrie, b Waterhouse..... 24  
J. Davey, b Ganseden, b Hogarth..... 0  
K. Goughtrie, c Dawson, b Brett..... 1  
H. K. Hartslet, c Combs, b Hogarth..... 1  
G. Barrett, not out..... 1  
Extras..... 1

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	R.	W.	O.	M.
G. McKay..... 0	—	—	—	—
L. E. Devitt..... 4	1	8	—	—
F. Bacon..... 6	1	20	—	1
Hogarth..... 1	—	3	—	—

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K. WILSON, C. C. F. HOBAN'S MESS XI.  
The Kowloon Cricket Club entertained the Sergeant Mess cricket team at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon when the former won by 117 runs to 58. Robinson, not out, made a splendid total of 43 for the Kowloon C.C., while Cor. Sgt. Wright was the highest scorer for the Mess eleven. The bowling of Libaud was very deadly, as the analysis shows:—

SERGEANTS MESS.		
St. S. Wharton, c	Lightfoot, b	Irvine, 0
Sergt. Wright, c and b	Dixon	..... 0
Sergt. Munro, c	Clements b	Dixon, 5
Sergt. Walker, c and b	Irvine	..... 1
Cor.-Sergt. Wright, c and b	Libeaud..	15
Sergt. Harford, not out		11
Sergt. Short, c and b	Irvine	..... 0
S.-Sergt. Stride, c	Gregory, b	Libeaud 2
Sergt. Carleton, c and b	Libeaud	..... 6
Sergt. Sayers, c and b	Libeaud	..... 5
Mr.-Gn. Fairburn, c	Clements, b	











